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A STRIKING COMPARISON.

One of the excuses offered by the promoters and defenders of the un-Americal faction which is seeking to gain control of this municipality is, that the present city government has granted to the Utah Light & Railway company an extension of its franchise for fifty years. In order to rescue the city from the power that is alleged to have made this grant, it is proposed to elect the candidate of the un-American faction as Mayor. A little investigation on this line will give one more proof of the absolute absurdity and stupidity of the claims that are being made as excuses

for this action. In the first place it is not true that an extension of lifty years has been granted to the Light and Power company, but only for about eight years over its longest existing franchise. In the next place the city obtained very great advantages for this extension, as was set forth in the ordinance providing for the terms under which the grant was made, and the public also obtained important advantages in the reduction of rates for lighting and for riding on the street cars. With these the reading public of this city have become familiar. Thus while the Utah Light and Power company obtained some benefits in the consolidation and slight extension of franchises it already held, the city and the citizens secured much greater advantages from the arrange-

But now let us see what the candidate of the un-American faction did when he was formerly Mayor of this city, toward the close of his inglorious administration, in the way of granting franchises. On December 31, 1903, he signed an ordinance extending several. with some slight provisions in regard to are lights to be furnished to the city. The gist of the provision is contained in this section:

"Now therefore he it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, that each of said resolutions and ordinances granting said franchises be, and the same is, hereby amended by striking out from section one of each of said resolutions and ordinances the words 'twenty-five years' and substituting therefor the words

Now, let it be understood that we are finding no fault with Ezra Thompson for signing the ordinance containing these provisions, for we believe that so far as it went the grant was proper, but we simply wish to contrast that action with the ordinance complained of by the un-American faction, and also to show the folly of placing as a randidate for Mayor, on the ground placed himself on record as granting exposed in their true character. There much longer, to-wit three times, the peried complained of. But this is all ments" of the promoters of the un-Am-

Observe also that the grant which has brought such great advantage to the city and the public generally is denounced as "a steal" and an "infamy" of the deepest dye, and the supporters of it are branded by the un-American mouth-organ with all the vituperative epithets which it uses in place of reason. If such a grant, which cost the company so many and such valuable concessions for an extension of about eight years is a "steal," what might be eald of the grant that gave the company an extension of twenty-five years, without any such valuable advantages? But this is only one sample of the rubbish set forth by the un-American faction, and published to bolster up a scheme to grasp control of municipal affairs. Think it over, business men, and people who have not lost their rea-

WELCOME THE TEACHERS!

We hope the committee of the National Educational association will be so favorably impressed with the advantages of Salt Lake City as a place of convention, that they will select it next year. We can assure them that In no place will they be more heartly welcomed than here. The facilities here offered for the entertalnment of visitors and the convening of large assemblies are also exceptional, and should count in favor of Sult Lake.

The people here are very much interested in educational matters. From present time they have strived, accord- 4 ing to means and opportunities, to be foremost in the matter of schools and educational institutions. As a consequence Utah is now well to the front ple here the attainment of knowledge is a religious duty. For they believe in eternal progression, and look upon ignorance as a detriment to advance-

in this world. They have, therefore, very incentive to try to learn wisdom, and to draw knowledge from every source available. They look upon the tenchers of truth as the greatest beneactors of mankind, and honor them

We regard the selection of this ity for the convention of teachers ext year us a foregone conclusion, and assure them beforehand of a earty welcome. We are certain that he citizens here will do all in their power to make them feel at home, and that their stay in the city will be muunily advantageous. The people here vill be pleased to know the prominent ducators of the land, and they hope o become better known to them.

STURIES DENIED.

Intelligent readers of the daily press thow very well that many of the tories told by reporters and telegraph. d from one locality to another about public men and women, or public vents, have very little foundation in act. They also know that when a certain class of writers turn against anyody, their stories are no more trustworthy than those of Munchausen, and just as valuable for the information hey contain. But some do not possess this knowledge. They are unable to discriminate between truth and falsehood, and they accept for gospel truth whatever they see in print, in their party organs. It has nearly always ven the fate of the Latter-day Saints to be the objects of inimical newspaper stories, and the prejudiced public knows them chiefly through such tales They do not care to investigate, but take the testimony of bitter enemies, who would not be heard before any impartial court.

A rather amusing illustration of newspaper falsehood is that furnished by the reporters of the recent journey of Miss Alice Roosevelt. That lady took a trip with the government party that went to the Philippines and other Asiatic countries, and the reporters who followed the party thought it their duty to furnish the American public some strenuous reading matter concerning the President's daughter. One of the stories cabled around the world was that the Sultan of Sulu had proposed to her. And all the world laughed at the idea. One of our contemporaries gravely explained that etiquette demands, in Sulu, that a gentleman, when pleased with a lady, offers to marry her. It is, we were told, merely a mark of high esteem and respect as when we in this country, by the expression, "at your service," offer compliment. It was a "good" story, and the world was amused. But now onies Miss Roosevelt and says it was made up of whole cloth.

And that was not the only falsehood about that estimable young lady. She denies the story that she dived; in her traveling costume, into the swimming tank of the Korea on the outgoing journey; or that Congressman Longworth dived after her on a dare. She also denies that she had any desire to break any railroad records on her trip east with the Harriman party, which came over with her on the Siberia. Anstory widely circulated was that regarding the expensive presents she was alleged to have received. One paper calculated that the duties on these presents would amount to considerably one year. Now that yarn is also broken. Miss Roosevelt is reported as having sald:

"All the presents that I received were merely inexpensive mementos of the trip, such as any girl traveling in strange countries would receive. There cally was nothing so remarkable about ny trip, and I cannot understand why o much fuss was made about it. I and an exceptionally good time and enoyed every moment that I was away. The only thing that I regret is that so nany nonsensical stories were circulat-

It is a pity that the prevaricators who started so many untrue stories about the trip cannot, in some way, be reached by the arm of justice, as a warning ex- less, that a change of policy must be had on ample to other falsehood-mongers. It the franchise question, one who has is a pity they cannot be branded and is now an agitation on foot against the adulteration of food. There should of a piece with the prefenses and 'argu- | be a strong agitation against the adulteration of press reports, too, The fraud who sells sand for sugar and sawdust for breakfast food is no meaner a thief than the sneak who sells lies about his fellowmen, under the guise of "news."

One of the most absurd stories sent out concerning Miss Roosevelt is one cabled from Copenhagen to a French journal. It is as follows:

"Alice I, Queen of the Valkyries— the great success of the peace nego-tlations, which has invested President Roosevelt with a prestige almost royal in its character, may very easily turn the heads of the Norweglans. As a matter of fact, the modern Valkyries, who intend to take their share in the selection of the future sovereign of Norway, have already sent petition after petition to Miss Roosevelt offering her the crown. It may be possible after all that the Princess Alice, as her compatriots call her, will not regret having refused to share the throne of osevelt with a prestige almost roys compatriots call her, will not regret having refused to share the throne of the Sultan of Sulu."

Absurd! Not because Miss Roosevelt vould not make an admirable queen, but because of the idea of adding lustre o her name by prefixing a meaningless title. It shows that all sensation-mongers are not confined to the New World.

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY.

It is pointed out that if the Presidential tour is completed, according to the plans laid, when it is ended, President Roosevelt will have visited every state in the Union since he became the Chief Executive of the nation. In the spring of 1902 he visited Virginia and the Carolinas. The following summer he made the trip through the six New England states. This trip also includthe early days of the Pioneers to the ed Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. That autumn he went to Chattanooga, and added West Virginia and Tennessee to his list, and on another trip visited Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky, In this respect. With most of the peo- | In the spring of 1892, he passed through Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California,

ment in the world to come, as well as Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington flower culture goes, appear to have in this world. They have, therefore, and Idaho. Then came his trip to Ok. about reached the acme of perfection. and Idaho. Then came his trip to Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas. The present tour includes Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. Such presidential tours are of great benefit. When a state is honored with the visit of the President, it helps the citizens to realize the fact that they are part of a great and mighty Union of states, with privileges and responsibilities of such position. No President has before been in a position to visit all the states during his incumbency of office. That President Roosevelt has found time to do so, notwithstanding the magnitude of the Republic at this time, is a reminder of the marvelous development of the lines of communication since the birth of the United States of America.

A private whitewash can never be so good as a public one.

The time made by his special shows that Mr. Harriman is fast.

In this kind of weather even the slowest poke can catch a cold.

President Roosevelt has braved the yellow fever. Le brave des braves.

Edward G. Cunliffe has pleaded guilty to larceny. Nothing petit about him.

"The sweet buy and buy whiskey" is a favorite song with the land allotted

There was a good deal of thrust and Parry in the Interstate Commerce con-

"Torquemada Hughes" is what those who have been on the maurance rack

John D. Rockefeller is going in for automobiling. He's the boy that can

his Witte's end. It is a new role for Hon. Fred J. Kiesel to become a disturber of the

In trying to compose the internal

troubles of his empire the Czar is at

peace-of conventions. Mr. Celeveland has been formally censured for his views on woman suf-

frage. Now will he be good? Better government control of railways than railway control of government. But neither is necessary.

President Eliot of Harvard proposes to put his foot down on brutal football. He will find the country with him.

It seems rather odd that the President of the United States should be welcomed to Arkansas by Jeff Davis,

"The man who must amuse the publie has a very sad vocation," says an exchange. Yes, the less sad the better,

The cadets at West Point are to be given a course in military hygiene. It will be useful on the field of football

San Francisco papers charge that that city is full of graft. Everything thrives in the wonderful climate of California,

An A. P. dispatch says: "Secretary Shaw delivered two speeches today." more than the presidential salary for | And that's all it did say. It shows the strength of his boom.

President McCall comes out with the belated information that his largest political donation was an accident. An accident policy, no doubt.

The adjournment until after the November election of the life insurance Investigation will give some of the insurance magnates a much needed rest.

"Americans," the Prince of Wales is quoted as saying, "are proverbially careless in the use of firearms." They may be handy with them but not care-

LAUDABLE LARCENY,

New York World.

New York World.

Now it appears that somebody stole \$901.15 from the Mutual life. A telephone boy's name was signed to the voucher. The boy denies he signed it or got the money. Somebody did. That somebody is a thief. He stole less than \$1,000, and should therefore be sent to prison. . . The penal code makes distinctions in larceny. To steal less than \$25 is petit larceny. To steal less than \$25 and \$500 is grand larceny, second degree. Nominally to steal any sum over \$500 is grand larceny, first degree. Actually there is another grade that might be called praiseworthy or laudable larceny, by which a man who takes \$4,918,607 becomes not a thief but a "missionary." but a "missionary."

IRVING'S RIGHT TO THE ABBEY. Portland Oregonian.

Portland Oregonian.

London papers are questioning the right of the late Sir Henry Irving to a terment in Westminster Abbey. The smaller of greater men than Sir Henry Irving are undoubtedly at rest in "Britain's vast Valhalla," but it is doubtful fithat last resting-place for the world's greatest shelters the bones of many whose fame was as world-wide as was that of the dead actor. The fame of some of the illustrious deceased in Westminster Abbey never spread very ster Abbey never spread ver nd the "tight little isle," by seen annoyed over this atten w the burial line at actors, by vspaper comment will not both other occupants of the Abbey.

PAME AT KNOCK-DOWN PRICES.

Providence Journal. relal enterprise is fast transng literature. A shop has been d at Paris in Rue de Richelleu re literary reputations can be se-d by unknown authors. This in-ous publisher stands ready to rantee Vague notoriety for a month \$400, reputation for a year for 000, celebrity for \$2,400 and literary ry for \$10,000. Sondwich men, sky signs and other means of publicity en-ter into his scheme. Ambitious authors will doubtless find it worth while to look into this. Every man cannot be his own Hall Caine.

THE TINY PLOWER PARKS OF PARIS.

Zion's Herald.

While the savants speculate yawningly as to the nature and principles of "esthetics," or the science of the beautiful, Parislans, so far at least as | total and the control of the control o

both as regards quantity and quality, in their decoration of the city of their pride. The saying, "No beauty, no Paris," is realized in flowers and trees, blossoms and greenery, all over the city—some of it contained in cozy courtyards hidden from the gaze of the courtyards hidden from the gaze of the vulgar by high fences or partitions, much of it spread out for the multitudes to enter in city squares or in churchyards. Even in squalid neighborhoods evidences of a love of flowers are presented, while in famous inclosures—like the Park Monceaux, small, elegant and dotted with statues of noted men—floriculture is developed to a high degree of perfection, nature itself, if that were possible, being improved upon. proved upon.

BEASTLY INTOXICATION.

Baltimore American.

Some men with a queer sense of hu-nor took an elephant belonging to a mor took an elephant belonging to a circus into a saloon in a Kansas town and gave him nine quarts of whisky to drink. When he was refused any more the tipsy animal became enraged and started in to wreck the place, picking up a decanter in his trunk and smashing the bar. In fact, the elephant appears to have acted on the occasion with almost human (trailizence. pears to have acted on the occasion with almost human intelligence.

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